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 First Named Inventor: Roy Stanley HAMILTON
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 Art Unit: 3711

Voluntary Amendment including:

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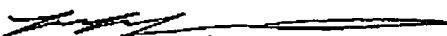
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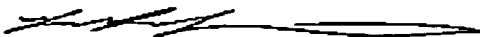
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I


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(Column 2)


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OR

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(e))	13 minus 20 -	* 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2 minus 3 -	* 0
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+ 0 =	0
TOTAL	375

RATE	FEE
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.